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In re Patent Application of:

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MANUFACTURING AND USE THEREOF

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 19, 2011

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 20, 2011, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.